



IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please withdraw all of the drawing sheets present in the application in favor of the replacement sheets submitted herewith. The black shading has been removed.

REMARKS

By this amendment, the drawings have been replaced with new drawings not having black shading. It is believed that the drawings now comply with 378 CFR 1.84(m).

Further, by this amendment, claims 1-13 have been cancelled, claims 14-20 have been amended, and claims 21-24 have been added. Claims 14-24 are thus now pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Examiner has rejected claims 1-6 and 10-13 under 35 USC 102(b) and 103(a). Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's rejections, however, in order to expedite the prosecution of this application, has cancelled these claims. Applicant intends to file continuing applications covering this subject matter.

Examiner has objected to claims 7-9 and 14-19 as depending from a rejected base claim, but indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant has cancelled claims 7,8 and 9, and rewritten them in independent form as claims 21, 22, and 23 respectively. The dependencies of claims 14-19 have been amended in consequence.

Finally, allowed claim 20 has been amended slightly to broaden its scope, with the limitations removed therefrom being added in new dependent claim 24.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are now in condition for allowance and favorably reply is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe that anything else is necessary to place the application in better condition for allowance, he is invited to speak with the Applicant by telephone at (514) 731-3308.

Respectfully submitted,



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